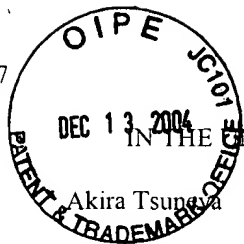


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akira Tsunoda
 Serial No.: 09/671,008
 Conf. No.: 6639
 Filed: 9/27/2000
 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
 FOR MANAGING NETWORK AND
 COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING
 MEDIUM THEREOF
 Art Unit: 2113
 Examiner: McCarthy, Christopher S.

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Appr. February 20, 1998

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 60.00
 (X) By other than a small entity \$ 120.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 225.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 450.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 510.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 1020.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 795.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 1590.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$1080.00
 () By other than a small entity \$2160.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

() Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

December 9, 2004
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